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South Los Angeles Station EM Inservice dated on June 29, 2020

Transit Services Bureau Deputy Daily Worksheet for Unit 607F1/E dated on June 29, 2020

Transit Services Bureau Unit History Report for Unit 607F1/E dated on June 29, 2020

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Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department

Officer Involved Shooting

Report Date:	Bureau/Station/Facility:	Admin. Invest.?	Hit?
04/20/2022	Transit Services Bureau	☐	☑

Incident Information

URN: 020-00775-6861-057	Date: 06/28/2020	Time: 2249
City or Station: Gardena	Nature of Incident: Deputies attempted to conduct a traffic stop after observing the suspect driving erratically and a pursuit ensued. The suspect accelerated toward the deputies and a shooting occurred.	
Location: [redacted] Atkinson Avenue, Gardena, CA 90249		

Location Type (*check one or more*):
- ☐ Backyard
- ☐ Beach
- ☐ Business
- ☐ Freeway
- ☐ Industrial
- ☐ Park
- ☐ Parking Lot
- ☐ Residence
- ☐ Rural
- ☐ School
- ☑ Street
- Other:

Lighting (*check only one*):
- ☑ Darkness
- ☐ Daylight
- ☐ Other
- ☐ Street Lights

Weather (*circle only one*):
- ☑ Clear
- ☐ Cloudy
- ☐ Fog
- ☐ Rain

Distance: 7-10 feet

Incident Type (*check one or more*):
- ☐ Accidental
- ☐ Armed Person
- ☐ Fleeing Suspect
- ☐ Foot Pursuit
- ☐ Gun Take Away
- ☐ Moving Vehicle
- ☐ Sniper/Ambush
- ☐ Startle
- ☐ Struggle Involved
- ☐ Traffic Stop
- ☐ Unarmed Person
- ☐ Unintentional
- ☑ Vehicle Pursuit
- ☐ Warrant Service
- ☐ Warning Shot
- Other:

Initiated by (*check only one*):
- ☐ Arrest Warrant
- ☐ Call
- ☐ Observation
- ☐ One Person Unit
- ☐ Other
- ☐ Search Warrant
- ☑ Two Person Unit

Prior Activity (*check only one*):
- ☐ Detective
- ☐ Inmate Transport
- ☐ Other
- ☑ Routine Patrol

Aero Unit? ☐ Canine Unit? ☐

Total # of Shots Fired by Deputy	Total # of Shots Fired by Suspect
9	0

Employee Witnesses

Employee #	Last Name	First Name	M.I.	ShiftTime (*check only one*)	ShiftType (*check only one*)
[redacted]	Castro	Cristian	C.	☑ EM ☐ PM ☐ Day	☑ Regular ☐ Overtime ☐ Off Duty
				☐ EM ☐ PM ☐ Day	☐ Regular ☐ Overtime ☐ Off Duty
				☐ EM ☐ PM ☐ Day	☐ Regular ☐ Overtime ☐ Off Duty

Non-Employee Witnesses

Last Name	First Name	M.I.	Street Address	City	Zip Code	Work Ph	Home Ph
[redacted]	[redacted]		[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]		

Supervisors

Employee #	Last Name	First Name	M.I.	(*check one or more*):
[redacted]	Ogunjumo	Oluwasanmi	O.	☑ On Duty ☐ Present during shooting ☐ Witness to shooting ☐ Involved in shooting
[redacted]	Bruce	Charles	M.	☑ On Duty ☐ Present during shooting ☐ Witness to shooting ☐ Involved in shooting

Watch Sergeant

Employee #	Last Name	First Name	M.I.
[redacted]	Frederickson	Brant	E.

Watch Commander

Employee #	Last Name	First Name	M.I.
[redacted]	Garcia	Christopher	C.

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Involved Employee Information

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Involved Employee

E 1

Employee #: [redacted]	Last Name: Alvarez	First Name: Jonathan	M.I.
Sex: M Race: H	Rank: Deputy	Unit Assignment: Transit Services Bureau	Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.): 607F1
ShiftTime (*circle only one*): ☑ EM ☐ PM ☐ Day	ShiftType (*circle only one*): ☑ Regular ☐ Overtime ☐ Off Duty	Intoxication/Drug Usage? ☐	Substance Used: None
Hospital Admission? ☐	Hospital Name:	Coroner Case? ☐	Coroner Case #: Interviewed? ☑
Hrs of sleep prior to shooting:	Duty Time (hrs): [redacted]	Clothing (*circle only one*): ☐ Plain Clothes no Vest ☐ Raid Jacket w/ Vest ☐ Plain Clothes w/ Vest ☐ Uniform no Vest ☐ Raid Jacket no Vest ☑ Uniform w/ Vest	Other Factors:
Age: [redacted] Height: 510	Weight: 185		
Range Qualification Date: [redacted]	PPC Qualification Date: [redacted]	Laser Training Date: [redacted]	
Certified with Weapon Used? [redacted]	Patrol Certification? [redacted]	Certification Unit: [redacted]	Prior Shootings? [redacted] Number of Prior Shootings: [redacted] Directed Force: [redacted]
Weapons Fired Brand: Smith & Wesson Caliber: 9 # Shots: 9	Weapons Fired Brand: Caliber: # Shots:		
Field Training Officer Emp #: [redacted]	Last Name: [redacted]	First Name: [redacted]	M.I. [redacted]
Field Training Officer Emp #: [redacted]	Last Name: [redacted]	First Name: [redacted]	M.I. [redacted]

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Employee #	Last Name	First Name	M.I.
Sex: Race:	Rank:	Unit Assignment:	Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.):
ShiftTime (*circle only one*): ☐ EM ☐ PM ☐ Day	ShiftType (*circle only one*): ☐ Regular ☐ Overtime ☐ Off Duty	Intoxication/Drug Usage? ☐	Substance Used:
Hospital Admission? ☐	Hospital Name:	Coroner Case? ☐	Coroner Case #: Interviewed? ☐
Hrs of sleep prior to shooting:	Duty Time (hrs):	Clothing (*circle only one*): ☐ Plain Clothes no Vest ☐ Raid Jacket w/ Vest ☐ Plain Clothes w/ Vest ☐ Uniform no Vest ☐ Raid Jacket no Vest ☐ Uniform w/ Vest	Other Factors:
Age: Height:	Weight:		
Range Qualification Date:	PPC Qualification Date:	Laser Training Date:	
Certified with Weapon Used? ☐	Patrol Certification? ☐	Certification Unit:	Prior Shootings? ☐ Number of Prior Shootings: Directed Force: ☐
Weapons Fired Brand: Caliber: # Shots:	Weapons Fired Brand: Caliber: # Shots:		
Field Training Officer Emp #	Last Name	First Name	M.I.
Field Training Officer Emp #	Last Name	First Name	M.I.

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Employee #	Last Name	First Name	M.I.
Sex: Race:	Rank:	Unit Assignment:	Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.):
ShiftTime (*circle only one*): ☐ EM ☐ PM ☐ Day	ShiftType (*circle only one*): ☐ Regular ☐ Overtime ☐ Off Duty	Intoxication/Drug Usage? ☐	Substance Used:
Hospital Admission? ☐	Hospital Name:	Coroner Case? ☐	Coroner Case #: Interviewed? ☐
Hrs of sleep prior to shooting:	Duty Time (hrs):	Clothing (*circle only one*): ☐ Plain Clothes no Vest ☐ Raid Jacket w/ Vest ☐ Plain Clothes w/ Vest ☐ Uniform no Vest ☐ Raid Jacket no Vest ☐ Uniform w/ Vest	Other Factors:
Age: Height:	Weight:		
Range Qualification Date:	PPC Qualification Date:	Laser Training Date:	
Certified with Weapon Used? ☐	Patrol Certification? ☐	Certification Unit:	Prior Shootings? ☐ Number of Prior Shootings: Directed Force: ☐
Weapons Fired Brand: Caliber: # Shots:	Weapons Fired Brand: Caliber: # Shots:		
Field Training Officer Emp #	Last Name	First Name	M.I.
Field Training Officer Emp #	Last Name	First Name	M.I.

Officer Involved Shooting
Suspect Information

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Suspect Information

S 1

Last Name: Hudson	First Name: Erik	M.I. J.
AKA Last Name:	First Name:	M.I.

Sex: M Race: B	Street Address: [redacted]	City: [redacted]	State & Zip Code: [redacted]
Work Phone:	Home Phone:	Social Security #: [redacted]	Driver's License #: [redacted]
Age: 33 D.O.B. 01/11/89	Height: 603 Weight: 225	FBI #: [redacted]	CII #: [redacted]
Booking # 5962647	Primary Charge: 245 (c) PC	Secondary Charge: 2800 (a)CVC	
Coroner Case? ☐	Coroner Case #:	Intoxication/Drug Usage? ☑	Substance Used: Alcohol/Cocaine/Marijuana
Armed? ☐	Apprehended? ☑	Mental Illness? ☑	Criminal History? [redacted]
Vehicle Make: Mazda Model: 3	Year: 2006	Parole: Yes Probation:	Prior Felony Conviction: Yes

S

Last Name:	First Name:	M.I.
AKA Last Name:	First Name:	M.I.

Sex: Race:	Street Address:	City:	State & Zip Code:
Work Phone:	Home Phone:	Social Security #:	Driver's License #:
Age: D.O.B.	Height: Weight:	FBI #:	CII #:
Booking #:	Primary Charge:	Secondary Charge:	
Coroner Case? ☐	Coroner Case #:	Intoxication/Drug Usage? ☐	Substance Used:
Armed? ☐	Apprehended? ☐	Mental Illness? ☐	Criminal History? ☐
Vehicle Make: Model:	Year:	Parole: Probation:	Prior Felony Conviction:

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Last Name:	First Name:	M.I.
AKA Last Name:	First Name:	M.I.

Sex: Race:	Street Address:	City:	State & Zip Code:
Work Phone:	Home Phone:	Social Security #:	Driver's License #:
Age: D.O.B.	Height: Weight:	FBI #:	CII #:
Booking #:	Primary Charge:	Secondary Charge:	
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Vehicle Make: Model:	Year:	Parole: Probation:	Prior Felony Conviction:

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Last Name:	First Name:	M.I.
AKA Last Name:	First Name:	M.I.

Sex: Race:	Street Address:	City:	State & Zip Code:
Work Phone:	Home Phone:	Social Security #:	Driver's License #:
Age: D.O.B.	Height: Weight:	FBI #:	CII #:
Booking #:	Primary Charge:	Secondary Charge:	
Coroner Case? ☐	Coroner Case #:	Intoxication/Drug Usage? ☐	Substance Used:
Armed? ☐	Apprehended? ☐	Mental Illness? ☐	Criminal History? ☐
Vehicle Make: Model:	Year:	Parole: Probation:	Prior Felony Conviction:

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Officer Involved Shooting

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Rollout Information

Arrival Date	Arrival Time	Date Submitted	Date of Recommendation
06/29/2020	0000		

Employee #	Last Name	First Name	M.I.
[redacted]	Walker	Deryl	T.
[redacted]	Maxwell	Michael	L.
[redacted]	Cain	Paulette	M.

Shooting / Force Information

Method

(AW) Arwen
(BC) Baton:(Control)
(BI) Baton:(Impact)
(BF) Bodily Fluids
(CN) Canine
(CR) Carotid Restraint
(CH) Choke Hold
(CT) Control Holds:(Control Techniques)
(TT) Control Holds:(Team Takedown)
(TD) Control Holds:(Takedown)
(CE) Chemical
(OC) Chemical Agents (OC Spray)
(TG) Chemical Agents (Tear Gas)
(EX) Explosives
(FH) Firearm (Handgun)
(FR) Firearm (Rifle)
(FS) Firearm (Shotgun)
(FO) Firearm (Other)
(FB) Flashbang
(FL) Flashlight
(OE) Other Weapon: Edged
(OV) Other Weapon: Vehicle
(OB) Other Weapon: Blunt Object
(OO) Other Weapon: Other
(PK) Personal Weapon: Feet/Leg: (Kick)
(PS) Personal Weapon: Feet/Leg: (Sweep)
(PH) Personal Weapon (Hand/Arm)
(PP) Personal Weapon (Push)
(PO) Personal Weapon (Other)
(RS) Resistance
(CN) Restraint Device (Capture Net)
(RH) Restraint Device (Handcuffs)
(HB) Restraint Device:Hobble (Legs Only)
(TP) Restraint Device:Hobble (TARP)
(RE) Restraint Device: REACT Belt
(SP) Sap
(SH) Shield
(SG) 37mm Stinger
(SB) Sting Ball
(ST) Stun Bag
(TR) Taser
(UC) Uncooperative

Type of Injury

(AB) Abrasion
(BR) Bruise
(BU) Burn
(CP) Complaint of Pain
(CO) Concussion
(DH) Death
(DI) Dislocation
(DB) Dog Bite
(FR) Fractures
(GS) Gunshot
(HB) Human Bite
(LC) Lacerations
(ND) Nerve Damage
(OD) Organ Damage
(PA) Paralysis
(PW) Puncture Wound
(SD) Soft Tissue Damage
(ST) Sprain/Twists
(UN) Unconscious
(RM) Refused Med Treatment
(NN) NONE

Body Part Injured

(AD) Abdomen
(AK) Ankle
(AR) Arm
(BK) Back
(BT) Buttocks
(CH) Chest
(EL) Elbow
(FA) Face
(FE) Feet
(FI) Fingers
(GE) Genitals
(GR) Groin
(HD) Hand
(HE) Head
(HI) Hip
(IN) Internal
(KN) Knees
(LE) Leg
(NK) Neck
(SH) Shoulder
(WR) Wrist

Brand

(AK) AK-47
(BN) Benelli
(BR) Beretta
(BW) Browning
(CH) Charter Arms
(CO) Colt
(DA) Davis Industries
(GL) Glock
(HA) Harrington & Richardson
(HI) Hi Standard
(HK) H & K
(IT) Ithica
(IV) Iver Johnson
(JE) Jennings
(LO) Lorcin
(LU) Luger
(MA) Marlin
(MO) Mossberg
(NC) NCI aka SKS
(NA) North American
(NO) Norinco
(RA) Raven
(RM) Remington
(RG) RG
(RI) RGI
(RO) Rossi
(SW) Smith & Wesson
(SR) Sturm Ruger
(SS) SIG Sauer
(ST) Sterling
(TA) Taurus
(WE) Weatherby
(WN) Winchester
(US) US Government
(YY) Handmade (Inmate)
(XX) Homemade (Non-Inmate)
(ZZ) Other Brand

Caliber

(9) 9 mm
(10) 10 mm
(12) 12 guage
(20) 20 guage
(21) .22-250
(22) .22 caliber
(23) .223 caliber
(24) .243 caliber
(25) .25 caliber
(30) .308 caliber
(35) .357 caliber
(36) 30-60 caliber
(38) .38 caliber
(40) .40 caliber
(41) .410 guage
(44) .44 caliber
(45) .45 caliber
(50) 50 mm
(SL) Slug
(WW) Other caliber

FORCE APPLIED *(one code per block)*

Used By (E# or S#)	Used Against (E# or S#)	Method (Code)	Brand (Code)	Caliber (Code)	Authorized Weapon? (Y/N)	Authorized Ammunition? (Y/N)	Type of Injury (Code)	Body Part (Code)
S#1	E#1	OV	ZZ		N	N	NN	
E#1	S#1	FH	SW	9	Y	Y	GS	AR

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COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

INVESTIGATIVE SUMMARY

INCIDENT:	**On-Duty Hit Shooting, Suspect Injured**
IAB FILE NUMBER:	**SH 2512392**
URN#:	**020-00775-6861-057**
DATE/TIME:	**June 28, 2020, 2249 hours**
LOCATION:	**[redacted] Atkinson Avenue, Gardena**

SYNOPSIS

On June 29, 2020, an Internal Affairs Bureau (IAB) Shooting Response Team comprised of Lieutenant Deryl Walker, #[redacted] Sergeant Michael Maxwell, #[redacted], and Sergeant Paulette Cain, #[redacted] responded to [redacted] Atkinson Avenue, Gardena, regarding an on-duty hit shooting. The case was reassigned to Sergeant Paulette Cain on September 15, 2021.

Suspect Erik Hudson sustained one gunshot wound to his right arm and gunshot wounds resulting in superficial lacerations to his right ear, and left thumb. No deputies were injured.

Lieutenant Walker verified Transit Services Bureau Watch Commander, Lieutenant Christopher Garcia, #[redacted], took reasonable steps to ensure the involved personnel did not discuss the incident among themselves or with uninvolved persons prior to being interviewed by the assigned investigators. Lieutenant Walker also ensured Lieutenant Garcia knew the involved personnel should not collectively consult with their representatives. Additionally, Lieutenant Walker confirmed Lieutenant Garcia ensured the involved personnel remained in the company of a supervisor until they provided individual statements to the assigned investigators.

Upon their arrival, IAB investigators learned there was an active command post and containment of the crime scene. Investigators learned of the series of events which culminated in the shooting which involved Deputies Jonathan Alvarez, #[redacted], and Cristian Castro, #[redacted].

Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Homicide Bureau Detectives Raymond Lugo, #[redacted], and Leopoldo Sanchez, #[redacted], arrived at the scene and assumed control

of the investigation. For further information, refer to the Homicide Bureau case book, under Uniform Report Number (URN) 020-00775-6861-057 **[Exhibit A]**.

SUMMARY

On June 28, 2020, Deputies Alvarez and Castro were assigned to Transit Service Bureau as Unit 607F1. While enroute to the "Marine Pax," they drove southbound on the Interstate 405 Freeway. They saw a gray Mazda driving at a high rate of speed, approximately 90-100 miles per hour, weaving in and out of the carpool lane.

Deputy Castro activated the overhead lights to conduct a traffic stop to determine the welfare and sobriety of the driver. Deputy Alvarez utilized the public address system and commanded the driver, Suspect Erik Hudson, to pull over on the next exit. Suspect Hudson stopped his vehicle between the #4 lane and the freeway shoulder.

Deputy Alvarez exited the patrol vehicle and approached the suspect vehicle along the passenger side of the vehicle. The vehicle had dark tinted windows, and due to poor visibility, Deputy Alvarez opened the front passenger door of Suspect Hudson's vehicle. Deputy Alvarez observed Suspect Hudson was the sole occupant. He immediately smelled the odor of an alcoholic beverage and marijuana emitting from Suspect Hudson and the vehicle. Deputy Alvarez instructed Suspect Hudson to turn off the vehicle. Suspect Hudson did not comply and drove away.

Deputy Alvarez ran back to the patrol vehicle, and he advised Deputy Castro that Suspect Hudson was a reckless drunk driver. The deputies observed the suspect vehicle exit Redondo Beach Boulevard from the south Interstate 405 Freeway.

Deputy Alvarez activated the emergency duplex radio frequency and advised they were in pursuit of a reckless drunk driver near the intersections of Prairie Avenue and Redondo Beach Boulevard. During the pursuit, Suspect Hudson failed to stop for red stoplights and swerved in and out of traffic lanes. The pursuit traversed approximately 1.4 miles and lasted about 1 minute and 29 seconds. The calculated average speed of the pursuit was 57 mph.

Suspect Hudson drove north bound on Atkinson Avenue, a residential street, from Redondo Beach Boulevard. Suspect Hudson pulled into the driveway of [redacted] Atkinson Avenue. Deputy Alvarez exited the patrol vehicle and ordered Suspect Hudson to stop the vehicle. Deputy Castro stopped the patrol vehicle to conduct a high-risk traffic stop. Deputies Alvarez and Castro detained Suspect Hudson at gun point.

Suspect Hudson refused the commands and reversed the vehicle. Suspect Hudson then turned the vehicle in a southerly direction and drove south on Atkinson Avenue, toward the deputies and the patrol vehicle at a high rate of speed. Deputy Alvarez was positioned near the front passenger door frame and had no avenue of escape. Deputy Alvarez feared for his life and fired his firearm approximately nine times toward the front windshield of the suspect's vehicle. The suspect's vehicle struck the front passenger side bumper of the patrol vehicle.

Suspect Hudson continued southbound on Atkinson Avenue and struck a pickup truck parked along the east curb line in front of [redacted] Suspect Hudson exited the vehicle with his hands extended up. The deputies ordered Suspect Hudson to lie on the ground. Suspect Hudson complied with their orders. Deputies Alvarez and Castro approached Suspect Hudson. Suspect Hudson sustained a bullet wound to his right forearm. Deputy Alvarez applied a tourniquet on Suspect Hudson's right arm to stop the bleeding and subsequently handcuffed him. Deputy Alvarez broadcasted over the radio a deputy involved shooting occurred and paramedics were needed for the suspect.

The Los Angeles County Fire Department personnel responded and treated Suspect Hudson on scene. Suspect Hudson was transported to Harbor- UCLA Medical Center and was treated for his injuries.

On June 29, 2020, a toxicology test was ordered by Dr. Ryan Tenold. A sample of Suspect Hudson's urine was collected and tested. The toxicology report indicated there was the presence of cocaine **[Exhibit A, Deputy Wu's supplemental report, pages 30-31]**.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S LETTER OF OPINION

The Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office Justice System Integrity Division reviewed the shooting of Erik Hudson by Deputy Jonathan Alvarez. In their letter of opinion, dated August 11, 2021, Deputy District Attorney Alan Yochelson concluded, Deputy Alvarez, acted in lawful self-defense and defense of others **[Exhibit B]**.

INVOLVED EMPLOYEE AND WORK HISTORY

Jonathan Alvarez, Deputy Sheriff, #[redacted]
Special Operations Division
Transit Services Bureau

Date of Employment: July 13, 2017
Date Assigned to Patrol/TSB:
Date Completed Patrol Training:
Prior Shooting incident(s):


[redacted]

Equipment Worn On Person

Deputy Alvarez was wearing a Class "A" uniform with a gun belt equipped with his Department issued duty weapon. Additional equipment included one magazine pouch containing two magazines, a Taser, a can of Oleoresin Capsicum (OC) spray, an expandable baton, two sets of handcuffs, and a portable radio. Deputy Alvarez was not issued a body-worn camera at the time of the incident.

SUSPECT INFORMATION

Erik Hudson
Male, Black, DOB: January 11, 1989, 6'03", 225 pounds
[redacted]

CII #[redacted], MAIN #[redacted], FBI #[redacted], CDL #[redacted]

A check of the Consolidated Criminal History Reporting System/Criminal Information Index (CCHRS/CII) [redacted] For further, refer to copy of Suspect Hudson's CCHRS/CII printout **[Miscellaneous Documents]**.

WITNESSES

Deputy Cristian Castro
[redacted]

SUSPECT'S INJURIES

Suspect Hudson was treated on scene by fire department personnel. He was subsequently transported to Harbor-UCLA Medical Center. Suspect Hudson was treated by Doctor Adam Shellito for a gunshot wound to his posterolateral forearm, metal bullet fragments to the right anterior forearm, right ear laceration, and an avulsion of soft tissue of the left thumb. Refer to medical report **[Exhibit C, Medical Report]**.

Deputy June Wu, #[redacted] took photographs of Suspect Hudson's injuries **[Exhibit A, Suspect Photos]**. Also, refer to Deputy Wu's supplemental report for further **[Exhibit A, Homicide Casebook, pages 17-24]**.

DEPUTY PERSONNEL INJURIES

No deputies were injured.

PHYSICAL EVIDENCE

All physical evidence was located and collected by Homicide Detectives Michael Austin, #[redacted], and Timothy Ruggiero, #[redacted] They were assisted by Forensic Identification Specialist David Alonso, #[redacted], Forensic Identification Specialist Tony Nguyen, #[redacted], Senior Criminalist Manuel Munoz, #[redacted], Senior Criminalist Joseph Cavaleri, #[redacted], Senior Criminalist Jessie Pettet, #[redacted], and Senior Criminalist Robert Crisafulli, [redacted] of the Sheriff's Crime Lab. For descriptions of the evidence collected and where it was collected, see the Homicide Investigation Book **[Exhibit A, Homicide casebook, pages 60-69]**.

Nine expended 9-millimeter cartridge casings were recovered from the roadway south of the passenger side of the patrol vehicle. One fired bullet was recovered from the

roadway south of the passenger side of the patrol vehicle. One fired bullet with fibers was recovered behind the Chevrolet truck, CA license #[redacted]. One fired bullet was recovered from within the steering wheel of the Mazda sedan, CA license #[redacted] One fired bullet was recovered from the right rear passenger floorboard of the Mazda sedan, CA license #[redacted] One fired bullet was recovered from within the driver's side door of the Mazda sedan, CA license #[redacted] One fired bullet was recovered from the front passenger floorboard of the Mazda sedan, CA license #[redacted] One fired bullet fragment was removed from Suspect Hudson's right forearm. Two bullets were not located **[Exhibit A, Homicide casebook, pages 52, 60-64]**.

INVESTIGATOR'S OBSERVATIONS

On June 29, 2020, at approximately 0030 hours, IAB Lieutenant Deryl Walker, #[redacted], Sergeant Michael Maxwell, #[redacted], and Sergeant Paulette Cain, #[redacted], responded to the scene. Homicide Bureau Lieutenant Charles Calderaro, #[redacted], conducted a briefing of the incident and narrated an escorted walk of the scene.

The scene is described in detail by Homicide Bureau Detectives Michael Austin, #[redacted], and Timothy Ruggiero, #[redacted] **[Exhibit A, page 49-51]**. Their description of the scene was consistent with IAB Investigator's observations. The scene was also photographed by the Sheriff's Scientific Services Bureau personnel **[Exhibit A, Scene]**.

WEAPON USED BY DEPUTY JONATHAN ALVAREZ

Deputy Alvarez fired nine rounds of Luger 9-millimeter ammunition from his Smith & Wesson; model M&P 1.0, semiautomatic pistol. The firearm was examined by Scientific Services Bureau Senior Criminalist Manuel Munoz, #[redacted] The weapon was found to be functional **[Exhibit A, pages 142-143]**.

Date last qualified: [redacted]
Date last trained with weapon:

IAB Note: Deputy Alvarez' quarterly weapons qualification report [redacted] **[Deputy Alvarez' Qualification Records, Miscellaneous Documents]**.

WEAPONS USED BY SUSPECT ERIK HUDSON

Suspect Hudson assaulted the deputies with a vehicle.

PROPERTY DAMAGE

Mazda 3, CA #[redacted]: The vehicle was parked facing east in the middle of the street in front of [redacted] Atkinson Avenue. The vehicle had major traffic collision damage to the front bumper and front fenders. There were several bullet strikes on the front of the vehicle and passenger side. One fired bullet was recovered from within the steering wheel of the Mazda. One fired bullet was recovered from the right rear passenger floorboard of the Mazda sedan. One fired bullet was recovered from within the driver side door of the Mazda sedan. One fired bullet was recovered from the front passenger floorboard of the Mazda sedan **[Exhibit A, Homicide casebook, pages 50, 60-64]**.

Chevrolet Silverado, CA #[redacted]: The vehicle was parked facing north along the east curb line of Atkinson Avenue in front of [redacted] Atkinson Avenue. The pickup truck had major traffic collision damage to the front bumper and driver side front fender. There were damaged vehicle parts on the asphalt roadway near the Mazda sedan and the Chevrolet pickup **[Exhibit A, Homicide casebook, pages 50]**.

Ford Explorer, CA #1541138 (LASD SH7761): The vehicle was parked midblock of Atkinson Avenue, near [redacted]. The vehicle was a marked black and white patrol vehicle. The patrol vehicle had damage and paint transfer to the right front bumper **[Exhibit A, Homicide casebook, pages 66-67]**.

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATORS AND CHARGES FILED

On September 16, 2020, Suspect Hudson was charged with one count of Assault with a Deadly Weapon, 245 (c) P.C., one count of Felony Reckless Evading, 2800.2 C.V.C, and one count of Possession of a Controlled Substance, 11350 (a) H.S.

On February 4, 2021, Suspect Hudson was convicted of one count of Assault with a Deadly Weapon, 245 (c) P.C., one count of Felony Reckless Evading, 2800.2 C.V.C, and was sentenced to serve three years and eight months in a state prison. Refer to court minutes, Case number YA102200 **[Exhibit D]**. On January 6, 2022, Suspect Hudson was paroled and will be subject to the conditions of his parole until January 6, 2024.

LIGHTING AND WEATHER CONDITIONS

The incident occurred at 2249 hours, and the scene was illuminated by residence streetlights and spotlights from the patrol vehicle. The weather was clear and cool.

RADIO TRANSMISSIONS

DISPATCH 35 AND LOCAL-TACTICAL (L-TAC) RADIO FREQUENCY REVIEW

The following is a review of some of the highlights from the TSB Dispatch 35 and L-TAC radio frequency recordings of this incident **[Exhibit E, Radio Traffic]**. The below listed times are not precise and were calculated from the automated voice time stamp at the

beginning of the recording. The SCC dispatcher will be referred to as the PRD (Public Response Dispatcher).

2245 hours

00:05:32 Unit 607F1 (Deputies Alvarez and Castro) requested the emergency duplex radio frequency (10-33) and broadcasted a reckless DUI pursuit. The location of the pursuit was northbound Redondo Beach Boulevard and Prairie Avenue.

00:05:51 The PRD voiced the acknowledgment of the pursuit and requested units to respond code 3.

00:05:57 Unit 607F1 provided the suspect vehicle description as a blue Mazda.

00:05:59 The PRD asked for vehicle plate.

00:06:05 Unit 607F1 provided an update of one occupant in the suspect vehicle and an updated location of eastbound Redondo Beach Boulevard and Crenshaw Boulevard.

00:06:19 The PRD asked if the unit was in the South Los Angeles area and for the plate on the vehicle.

00:06:36 Unit 607F1 provided suspect plate information.

00:06:43 The PRD asked if Aero Bureau was on the radio frequency.

00:06:45 Aero Bureau Unit 21 acknowledged on the radio frequency.

00:06:49 The PRD voiced the last known location of the pursuit and requested an updated location.

00:07:01 Unit 607F1 broadcasted a deputy involved shooting (998) occurred.

00:07:03 The PRD requested the location of the 998 and status of deputies.

00:07:19 Unit 684A (Deputy D. Gonzalez) advised he was enroute to last known location of Unit 607F1.

00:07:26 Unit 607F1 advised suspect was handcuffed.

00:07:33 Unit 600S (Sergeant Ogunjumo) advised he was responding from the ROC (Rail Operations Control).

00:07:38 The PRD requested status of deputies and suspect.

00:07:42 Unit 607F1 advised suspect was in custody and all deputies were accounted for.

00:07:49 The PRD asked if any deputies were injured.

00:07:51	Unit 607F1 advised no deputies were injured and would provide an updated location when suspect was in custody.
00:08:05	Unit 683S (Sergeant Bressler) requested for a SLA sergeant to respond due to a 15-20 ETA.
00:08:15	The PRD activated the emergency duplex radio frequency (patch) to include SLA station and requested SLA units to respond.
00:08:25	Unit 31B (Deputies Diaz and Rivas) advised a minute ETA
00:08:30	Unit 607F1 advised location as [redacted] Atkinson Avenue, Gardena and requested paramedics (902R) to respond.
00:08:39	The PRD requested a SLA sergeant to respond to location.
00:08:47	A unit asked if suspect was shot
00:08:50	Unit 607F1 advised suspect was shot on the right arm.
00:08:55	The PRD advised paramedics (902R) were responding and were staging.
00:08:58	Air 21 advised of a 30 second ETA.
00:09:15	The PRD asked if there were any outstanding suspects.
00:09:27	Unit 607F1 advised there was only one suspect, and he was in custody.
00:09:31	The PRD asked if paramedics (902R) were clear to respond.
00:09:47	Air 21 advised they were overhead.
00:11:37	The PRD asked Air 21 if any units were with 607F1.
00:11:39	Air 21 advised five units were on scene.
00:14:09	Unit 600S advised of a 3 minute ETA.
00:14:29	The PRD asked units if the emergency duplex frequency was still needed in order to switch to County-tactical (A-TAC 4) frequency. Frequency switched to A-TAC 4.

VIDEO RECORDING

The following is a review of the shooting, which was captured on a "Ring" camera located at [redacted] **[Exhibit A, Video]**. The camera faced east. The video is approximately 1:05 minutes long, which depicted the incident as it began with the suspect vehicle being pursued by a patrol unit.

Suspect Hudson drove northbound on Atkinson, followed by Deputies Castro and Alvarez. The lights and sirens of the patrol unit were activated. The suspect vehicle and the patrol unit exit the frame of the video. Nine gunshots are heard at

approximately the 25 second mark. The deputy involved shooting was not captured on the video. The suspect vehicle reenters the frame of the video and drove southbound where it struck a parked vehicle. Suspect Hudson exited his vehicle and yelled, "Alright" several times. The deputies were heard giving Suspect Hudson commands to get on the ground. Suspect Hudson lied on the ground. Deputy Castro approached from the right side, near the west facing curb line, and Deputy Alvarez approached on the left side, near the east curb line, with their firearms drawn. The video concluded when Deputy Castro handcuffed Suspect Hudson.

IAB Note: The incident occurred prior to the deputies being assigned body-worn cameras.

STATEMENTS

The following narratives are intended only as a synopsis of the interviews. Additional information and precise wording may be obtained by reviewing the digitally audio recorded interviews and verbatim transcriptions.

INVOLVED EMPLOYEE STATEMENTS

INVOLVED EMPLOYEE DEPUTY JONATHAN ALVAREZ

On June 29, 2020, and July 1, 2020, Involved Employee Deputy Jonathan Alvarez was interviewed by Homicide Bureau detectives at the Homicide Bureau office. Deputy Alvarez was interviewed on March 23, 2022, and June 13, 2022, by Internal Affairs Bureau investigators at the Internal Affairs Bureau office. Deputy Alvarez was represented by Attorney Ken Yuwiler during the interviews.

On June 28, 2020, Deputies Castro and Alvarez were assigned to Transit Services Bureau as the South Bay rover car, Unit 607F1, on early morning shift from [redacted] Deputy Alvarez was the passenger and Deputy Castro was the driver.

Deputies Alvarez and Castro were enroute to the "Marine Pax" platform to assist other units to clear transit trains of passengers. At approximately 2230 hours, they were driving southbound on the Interstate 405 freeway when they observed a Mazda sedan, driving at a high rate of speed in the carpool lane. Deputy Alvarez observed the vehicle swerving in and out of the carpool lane. Deputy Alvarez estimated the speed of the vehicle to be approximately 100 miles per hour **[Involved Employee Alvarez' Homicide Transcript, page 161]**.

Deputy Alvarez believed the driver of the Mazda was having a medical condition or under the influence of a narcotic or alcohol. The deputies caught up to the suspect's vehicle and activated the red and blue rotating lights on the patrol vehicle to conduct a traffic stop. Deputy Alvarez utilized the public address (PA) system and ordered the driver to pull over to the right and exit the freeway. The driver moved to the right and stopped in the number 3 or 4 lane of the freeway. Deputy Castro stopped his patrol

vehicle behind the suspect vehicle and positioned it offset to the suspect's vehicle. Deputy Alvarez gave the suspect commands over the PA system to exit at Redondo Beach Boulevard. The suspect stopped his vehicle in between the number four lane and the shoulder of the freeway. Deputy Alvarez did not believe they were in pursuit because Suspect Hudson followed his commands and slowed down **[Involved Employee Alvarez' IAB Transcript, page 13].**

Deputy Alvarez told Deputy Castro to stay in the vehicle, due to the position of the vehicle and the danger of the oncoming traffic. Deputy Alvarez exited the patrol vehicle from the passenger side. Deputy Alvarez was unable to see through the vehicle's dark tinted windows. He ordered Suspect Hudson to lower the passenger window. Suspect Hudson did not comply. Deputy Alvarez opened Suspect Hudson's passenger side front door to see into the vehicle. He immediately smelled the odor of an alcoholic beverage and marijuana emitting from inside of the vehicle. Deputy Alvarez noticed Suspect Hudson was the driver and only occupant. Suspect Hudson did not make eye contact with him. Deputy Alvarez believed Suspect Hudson was under the influence of alcohol and/or narcotics and was not having a medical emergency. Deputy Alvarez gave Suspect Hudson orders to turn the vehicle off and to place his hands on the steering wheel. Suspect Hudson placed his hand on the gear shift and shifted the vehicle into drive. Suspect Hudson drove away at a high rate of speed. As the suspect vehicle pulled away, the front passenger door nearly struck Deputy Alvarez in the face. Deputy Alvarez was able to jump out of the way **[Involved Employee Alvarez' IAB Transcript, pages 13-17]**.

Deputy Alvarez ran back to the patrol vehicle. Deputy Alvarez told Deputy Castro that Suspect Hudson was "intoxicated" **[Involved Employee Alvarez' Homicide Transcript, page 164]**. Deputy Castro drove south on the Interstate 405 freeway to relocate the suspect vehicle. The overhead lights on the patrol vehicle were turned off. Moments later, they saw the suspect vehicle exited the freeway via the Redondo Beach Boulevard exit. The deputies drove toward Suspect Hudson's last seen direction at the Redondo Beach Boulevard off ramp.

Suspect Hudson turned left, eastbound, on to Redondo Beach Boulevard and proceeded through the intersection without stopping for the red light. The deputies activated their patrol vehicle's red lights and sirens. Deputy Alvarez activated the emergency broadcast radio frequency and advised they were in a vehicle pursuit of a reckless dui suspect. Suspect Hudson continued eastbound on Redondo Beach Boulevard and failed to stop at the red light at the intersection of Crenshaw Boulevard and Redondo Beach Boulevard. Suspect Hudson turned left, northbound, on to Atkinson Avenue from Redondo Beach Boulevard. Deputy Alvarez estimated Suspect Hudson drove approximately 40-50 mph on the residential street and they maintained a distance of four to six car lengths behind Suspect Hudson **[Involved Employee Alvarez' Homicide Transcript, pages 166-167]**.

Suspect Hudson turned left into a driveway on Atkinson Avenue. Deputy Castro stopped the patrol vehicle in the middle of the street a few feet from the suspect vehicle

in order to conduct a felony traffic stop. Deputy Alvarez exited the patrol vehicle and stepped to the right. He positioned himself near the front passenger sideview mirror of the patrol vehicle. Deputy Alvarez detained Suspect Hudson at gunpoint in a northerly direction and waited for additional units to arrive **[Involved Employee Alvarez' Homicide Transcript, page 176]**. Deputy Alvarez gave Suspect Hudson commands to turn off the vehicle and to place his hands outside the window. Suspect Hudson reversed the vehicle. Deputy Alvarez heard the suspect vehicle's engine rev, the tires squealed, and the headlights were heading toward him. Deputy Alvarez believed he had no avenue of escape. He stated, "If I would've gone onto the right, he would've smashed me, crushed me with his vehicle or if I would've just moved closer to my car, I feel like he was going to impact our vehicle and just be a sandwich" **[Involved Employee Alvarez' IAB Transcript, page 22]**. Deputy Alvarez feared for his life and feared Suspect Hudson would run him over.

Suspect Hudson continued to drive south toward Deputy Alvarez. From approximately seven to ten feet away, Deputy Alvarez fired approximately four to five shots from his firearm in a northerly direction toward the Suspect Hudson's front windshield **[Involved Employee Alvarez' Homicide Transcript, page 174]**. Deputy Alvarez reassessed after each shot as he saw Suspect Hudson drive toward him. He saw the rounds he fired impact the vehicle near the windshield, front bumper, hood, and the side of the vehicle **[Involved Employee Alvarez' IAB Transcript, page 23]**. Deputy Alvarez saw his backdrop consisted of Suspect Hudson's vehicle and residential homes to the east of his position **[Involved Employee Alvarez' IAB Transcript, page 24]**. He was positioned near the front passenger sideview mirror of the patrol vehicle at the time of the shooting and did not recall if the passenger door was open. He did not recall where Deputy Castro was positioned at the time of the shooting.

Simultaneously, Suspect Hudson drove past Deputy Alvarez at a high rate of speed, and nearly struck Deputy Alvarez. Suspect Hudson missed striking Deputy Alvarez with the vehicle by approximately a foot **[Involved Employee Alvarez' Homicide Transcript, page 174]**. Deputy Alvarez believed he heard Suspect Hudson crash into the patrol vehicle. Suspect Hudson continued to drive and subsequently crashed into a vehicle parked behind Deputy Alvarez.

Deputy Alvarez broadcasted an update of the deputy involved shooting. The deputies gave Suspect Hudson orders to lie on the ground. Suspect Hudson exited the vehicle and lied on the ground. Deputies Alvarez and Castro made a tactical approach to detain Suspect Hudson and to render medical aid. They handcuffed Suspect Hudson and applied a tourniquet on his injured arm. They placed Suspect Hudson in a recovery position. Deputy Alvarez recovered a bindle of cocaine from one of Suspect Hudson's pockets **[Involved Employee Alvarez' IAB Transcript, page 31]**. The deputies waited for additional units to arrive at their location.

IAB investigators read Deputy Alvarez the video advisement and showed him the Ring camera surveillance footage of the incident **[Exhibit A, Video]** and played the radio

traffic. After viewing the video, Deputy Alvarez heard nine shots, but only recalled firing approximately four to five shots.

IAB investigators asked Deputy Alvarez if he had any less lethal options available to reasonably use in the incident. Deputy Alvarez had a Taser and pepper spray on his person, and additionally had a stun bag in the vehicle. Deputy Alvarez did not believe the less lethal weapons he had would have been effective during the incident. Deputy Alvarez stated, "The Taser is not going to help in neutralizing a target such as a vehicle, it's not going to penetrate through the car. Definitely—it's absolutely not going to stop it. Pepper spray is just a liquid, it's not have any effect on the threat" **[Involved Employee Alvarez' IAB Transcript, page 33]**.

IAB investigators showed Deputy Alvarez an aerial photograph of the scene **[Exhibit H]** and a diagram of the scene **[Exhibit I]**. Deputy Alvarez recalled standing by the front passenger sideview mirror when Suspect Hudson drove toward him. He marked his position using a blue marker on the aerial photograph **[Exhibit H]**. IAB investigators asked Deputy Alvarez where he was positioned as each shot was fired. Deputy Alvarez recalled standing near the front passenger sideview mirror when he fired the first shot. Deputy Alvarez did not recall where he stood during the subsequent shots. Deputy Alvarez believed he looked to the right in an easterly direction and followed the suspect vehicle as it drove by him **[Involved Employee Alvarez' IAB Transcript, page 6]**.

IAB investigators asked Deputy Alvarez if he fired at the suspect vehicle after it passed him and if so, what threat did he identify. Initially, Deputy Alvarez stated he may have fired at the suspect vehicle after it passed him, but later stated he did not recall firing at the suspect vehicle as it drove away" **[Involved Employee Alvarez' IAB Transcript, pages 9-10]**. Deputy Alvarez stated, "The point that I made the conscious decision to stop firing is when the vehicle had totally cleared myself, as well as our patrol vehicle, which was where I was standing by" **[Involved Employee Alvarez' IAB Transcript, page 11]**. IAB investigators asked Deputy Alvarez where he stood after the final shot was fired. Deputy Alvarez recalled standing near the "B pillar" and the sideview mirror of the patrol vehicle after he fired the final shot **[Involved Employee Alvarez' IAB Transcript, page 8]**. He did not recall where Deputy Castro stood after the final shot was fired.

Prior to conducting a tactical approach, Deputy Alvarez stood toward the rear passenger side of the patrol vehicle while Deputy Castro stood near the rear driver side of the patrol vehicle. He recalled making "eye contact" with Deputy Castro before they approached the suspect vehicle **[Involved Employee Alvarez' IAB Transcript, page 8]**. Deputy Alvarez marked where he was positioned when he fired the first shot with a red marker on the diagram of the scene **[Exhibit I]**. He additionally marked where he was positioned during the tactical approach in blue marker.

On June 29, 2020, Homicide Bureau investigators examined Deputy Alvarez' firearm. Deputy Alvarez carried his Department issued Smith & Wesson M&P firearm with a light attachment. The firearm had one 9mm bullet chambered and 17 bullets in the

magazine. Deputy Alvarez removed a second magazine from his magazine pouch. The second magazine was loaded with eight rounds. Deputy Alvarez told Homicide Investigators he conducted a magazine exchange after firing his handgun **[Exhibit A, Homicide Casebook, page 51]**.

> **IAB Note:** Deputy Alvarez' firearm was loaded at capacity, with 18 rounds. During the firearm examination by Homicide Bureau investigators, it was determined Deputy Alvarez fired 9 rounds from his firearm. Four fired bullets were recovered from Suspect Hudson's vehicle and one fired bullet fragment was removed from Suspect Hudson's right forearm **[Exhibit A, Homicide Casebook, pages 52, 145-146]**.

EMPLOYEE WITNESS STATEMENTS

WITNESS DEPUTY CRISTIAN CASTRO

On July 1, 2020, Witness Deputy Cristian Castro was interviewed by Homicide Bureau detectives at the Homicide Bureau office. Deputy Castro was interviewed on March 4, 2022, and March 25, 2022, by Internal Affairs Bureau investigators at the Internal Affairs Bureau office. Deputy Castro was represented by Attorney Ken Yuwiler during the interviews.

On June 28, 2020, Deputies Castro and Alvarez were assigned to Transit Services Bureau as the South Bay rover car on early morning shift from [redacted]. Deputy Castro was the driver that night.

Deputies Castro and Alvarez were enroute to the "Marine Pax" platform to assist other units to clear transit trains of passengers. They were driving southbound on the Interstate 405 freeway in the slowest lane of traffic (#4 lane), when they observed a vehicle, an older model grey sedan, driving at a high rate of speed in the carpool lane. Deputy Castro estimated the speed of the vehicle to be approximately 90-95 miles per hour **[Witness Employee Castro's Homicide Transcript, page 182]**.

> **IAB Note:** Interstate 405 South (405 freeway) has five lanes of travel.

Deputy Castro maneuvered the patrol vehicle to the carpool lane to better observe the vehicle. The suspect vehicle continued to drive at a high rate of speed and swerved left to right within the carpool lane. Deputy Castro believed the driver was unable to control his vehicle. Deputy Castro formed the opinion the driver was possibly driving under the influence of alcohol or narcotics. Deputy Castro sped up the patrol vehicle, and after a short distance, he was able to drive close to the suspect's vehicle. Deputy Castro activated the patrol vehicle's overhead lights and illuminated the spotlight to conduct a traffic stop.

The suspect slowed the vehicle down and made an "unsafe brake check," which caused Deputy Alvarez to slow down **[Witness Employee Castro's IAB Transcript, page 8]**. Deputy Alvarez utilized the public address (PA) System and gave the suspect multiple commands to pull over toward the right and to exit at Redondo Beach Boulevard. The suspect slowed down and braked several times. The suspect slowly moved the vehicle toward the right. Deputy Castro looked down at his odometer and saw his speed was approximately 60-70 mph **[Witness Employee Castro's Homicide Transcript, page 182]**. The suspect stopped his vehicle in the number four lane of traffic and the shoulder lane.

Deputy Castro positioned the patrol vehicle to offset the suspect vehicle. Deputy Alvarez instructed Deputy Castro to stay inside the vehicle and he would instruct the suspect to continue onto the exit. Deputy Alvarez exited the patrol vehicle to ascertain if the driver was having a medical emergency and approached the suspect's vehicle from the passenger side. Deputy Alvarez opened the front passenger door and leaned into the vehicle.

The suspect accelerated forward and drove off. Deputy Alvarez returned to the patrol vehicle. Deputy Alvarez told Deputy Castro he smelled marijuana and alcohol emitting from the vehicle and Suspect Hudson was the sole occupant. Deputy Castro observed the Suspect Hudson exit Redondo Beach Boulevard. Deputy Castro drove toward Suspect Hudson's last seen direction.

Deputy Alvarez activated the emergency duplex radio frequency and advised they were in pursuit and requested additional units. Deputy Castro observed Suspect Hudson failed to stop at the red light at the intersection of the Redondo Beach Boulevard exit. Suspect Hudson turned left and drove east on Redondo Beach Boulevard. Deputy Castro cleared the intersection and proceeded east on Redondo Beach Boulevard. Suspect Hudson failed to stop at a red light at a second intersection. Deputy Castro described the traffic as minimal. Deputy Castro continued with the pursuit because he felt it was safe to do so **[Witness Employee Castro's IAB Transcript, page 14]**.

Suspect Hudson turned north onto Atkinson Avenue from Redondo Beach Boulevard. Deputy Castro maintained two to three car lengths distance from Suspect Hudson while travelling north on Atkinson Avenue. Suspect Hudson turned left into a driveway. Deputy Alvarez exited the patrol vehicle and gave Suspect Hudson several commands to stop the vehicle and to turn it off. Suspect Hudson did not comply with the commands. Deputy Castro exited the patrol vehicle to conduct a high-risk traffic stop. He was approximately 20-25 feet away from Suspect Hudson's vehicle **[Witness Employee Castro's IAB Transcript, page 17]**.

Deputy Castro heard what he believed to be Suspect Hudson's vehicle accelerating. Deputy Alvarez stood near the passenger side of the vehicle as Suspect Hudson drove south. Deputy Castro feared Suspect Hudson would "seriously hurt" Deputy Alvarez **[Witness Employee Castro's IAB Transcript, page 15]**. Deputy Castro heard Deputy Alvarez give Suspect Hudson commands to stop the vehicle. Deputy Castro further

explained, "He (Suspect Hudson) turned into that driveway which is on the west side of the street, where we attempted to give him you know, commands to stop his vehicle. He failed to comply, reversing out of the driveway. At which point struck something. I heard a sound of a crash. Not knowing what it was, we continued to give multiple commands. At that point he then accelerated forward at a high rate of speed, causing his vehicle to accelerate towards my partner, the passenger side of my vehicle" **[Witness Employee Castro's IAB Transcript, page 16].** When asked to provide clarifying information about the position of Deputy Alvarez at the time of the shooting, Deputy Castro stated he did not know the exact position of his partner because he was focused on the suspect's vehicle" **[Witness Employee Castro's IAB Transcript, page 17]**. Deputy Castro heard Deputy Alvarez fire multiple shots but did not recall how many. Deputy Castro did not shoot because he was not positioned to get an "accurate shot" **[Witness Employee Castro's IAB Transcript, page 20]**.

Deputy Castro heard a "small crash," but was unable to see where the sound came from **[Witness Employee Castro's IAB Transcript, page 18]**. He believed the suspect struck another vehicle. He was unsure if the patrol vehicle was struck. Suspect Hudson exited the vehicle with his hands up. The deputies gave Suspect Hudson orders to lie on the ground. Suspect Hudson complied and lied on the ground. Deputies Alvarez and Castro made a "team approach" to detain Suspect Hudson and to render aid **[Witness Employee Castro's IAB Transcript, page 29]**. Deputy Castro handcuffed Suspect Hudson and placed a tourniquet on the arm with the gunshot wound. Deputy Alvarez broadcasted an update of the deputy involved shooting **[Witness Employee Castro's IAB Transcript, page 24]**. He recalled the first units to arrive were from South Los Angeles Station.

IAB investigators showed Deputy Castro a Google Aerial map of the Interstate 405 freeway and a map obtained from the Mobile Digital Computer (MDC) of the route of travel during the incident **[Exhibit F]**. Deputy Castro recalled the route of the pursuit as the offramp at Redondo Beach Boulevard. They proceeded eastbound on Redondo Beach Boulevard and northbound at Atkinson Avenue **[Witness Employee Castro's IAB Transcript, page 14]**.

IAB investigators read Deputy Castro the video advisement and showed him the Ring camera surveillance footage of the incident **[Exhibit A, Video]** and the radio traffic **[Exhibit C]**. After viewing the video, Deputy Castro recalled approaching on the righthand side when he and Deputy Alvarez conducted a team approach to detain Suspect Hudson **[Witness Employee Castro's IAB Transcript, pages 29-30]**.

On March 25, 2022, IAB Investigator reinterviewed Deputy Castro. Deputy Castro was shown the GST Tracker Report Activity from the MDC of patrol vehicle, SH7761 **[Exhibit G]**. Deputy Castro did not recall driving at speeds over 100 mph and would have either slowed down or canceled his pursuit if he had realized he drove that fast **[Witness Employee Castro's IAB Transcript, pages 5-6]**.

CIVILIAN WITNESS STATEMENTS

WITNESS [redacted]

On February 21, 2022, IAB investigators interviewed Witness [redacted] at his residence.

On June 28, 2020, at approximately 2245 to 2300 hours, he and his [redacted], [redacted], were asleep when he heard police sirens on his street.

> **IAB Note:** The date indicated during the interview was stated as June 28, 2021. The correct date of the incident is June 28, 2020.

Witness [redacted] looked out his bedroom window and saw a white or silver sedan being pursued by police units. Three patrol units stopped in a northerly direction near the end of his driveway. Witness [redacted] heard deputies give the suspect commands through the PA system. Witness [redacted] believed he heard the suspect vehicle drive back toward the deputies parked on the street. Witness [redacted] heard three gunshots and what sounded like two vehicles collided. Witness [redacted] later realized his neighbor's truck was struck. After Witness [redacted] heard the gunshots and the vehicle collision, he heard what he believed to be a person moan. Witness [redacted] walked toward the side of his house and, but his view was obscured by his fence.

> **IAB Note:** Witness [redacted] was interviewed by Homicide Investigators John Carlin, #[redacted] and Judith Luera, #[redacted], on June 29, 2020 **[Exhibit A, page 73]**.

SUSPECT STATEMENT

SUSPECT HUDSON

On June 30, 2020, Homicide Investigators attempted to interview Suspect Hudson regarding the incident. Homicide Investigators asked Suspect Hudson if he tried to run over the deputies. Suspect Hudson denied trying to run the deputies over and declined to provide any further statements regarding the incident **[Refer to Suspect Hudson's Transcript]**.

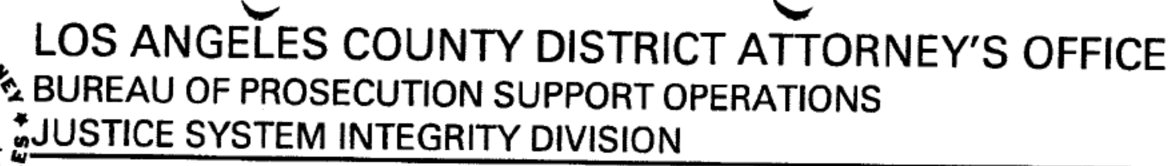
IAB Investigators made multiple attempts to contact Suspect Hudson by telephone and by certified letter **[Certified Letter, Miscellaneous Documents]**. These attempts were met with negative results.

On March 2, 2022, IAB Investigator received an email from Jonathan Evans, identifying himself as Suspect Hudson's attorney. On March 3, 2022, IAB Investigator called Mr. Evans' law firm and left a message. After no response, IAB Investigator emailed Mr. Evans, but was met with negative results **[Email Correspondences, Miscellaneous Documents]**.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

On the night of the incident, assisting deputies canvassed the neighborhood to identify any potential witnesses. Deputy Juan Valencia, #[redacted], contacted [redacted] at his residence. Mr.[redacted] told Deputy Valencia he saw a dark colored vehicle being pursued by a patrol unit with lights and sirens on. He then heard approximately five to six gunshots **[Exhibit A, Deputy Valencia's supplemental report, page 32]**. Deputy David Silva, #[redacted], contacted [redacted] at her residence. Ms.[redacted] told Deputy Silva she saw the suspect vehicle reverse while the patrol vehicle was positioned sideways. She heard a crash, followed by approximately six to eight gunshots. Ms.[redacted] heard the deputies give Suspect Hudson three commands to get on the ground, to which Suspect Hudson complied **[Exhibit A, Deputy Silva's supplemental report, page 36]**. IAB investigators made multiple attempts to contact [redacted] and [redacted] by responding to their residences and by certified letter **[Certified Letter, Miscellaneous Documents]**. These attempts were met with negative results.

Deputy Silva contacted [redacted] at her residence. Ms.[redacted] told Deputy Silva she heard four gunshots and saw deputies "catch the suspect" **[Exhibit A, Deputy Silva's supplemental report, page 35]**. On February 14, 2022, IAB investigator spoke to [redacted]. She declined to provide a statement regarding the incident.



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Re: Non-Fatal Officer Involved Shooting of Erik Hudson
J.S.I.D. File #20-0247
L.A.S.D File #020-00775-6861-053

Dear Captain Mendoza:

The Justice System Integrity Division of the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office has completed its review of the June 28, 2020, non-fatal shooting of Erik Hudson by a member of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department. Our detailed analysis of this incident is contained in the attached memorandum.

Very truly yours,

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MEMORANDUM

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DATE: August 11, 2021

The Justice System Integrity Division of the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office has completed its review of the June 28, 2020, non-fatal shooting of Erik Hudson by Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department (LASD) Deputy Jonathan Alvarez. We have concluded that Deputy Alvarez acted in lawful self-defense and defense of others.

The District Attorney's Command Center was notified of the shooting at approximately 12:12 a.m. on June 29, 2020. The District Attorney Response Team responded to the location and was given a briefing regarding the circumstances surrounding the shooting and a walk-through of the scene.

The following analysis is based on investigative reports, audio recordings of interviews, crime scene diagrams, photographs, video surveillance evidence, and witness statements submitted to this office by LASD Detectives Leo Sanchez and Raymond Lugo. The voluntary statement of Deputy Alvarez was also considered as part of this analysis.

FACTUAL ANALYSIS

The Pursuit

On June 28, 2020, at approximately 10:45 p.m., LASD Deputies Jonathan Alvarez and Christian Castro were on patrol, in uniform and in a marked patrol vehicle, driving on a freeway in Los Angeles. They observed a Mazda driving at approximately 100 m.p.h. and swerving in and out of a carpool lane. The deputies drove behind the Mazda and activated their overhead lights to conduct a traffic stop of the vehicle. The Mazda pulled to the right and stopped in a traffic lane. The deputies stopped their patrol vehicle. Alvarez walked to the Mazda and ordered the driver, Erik Hudson, to roll down the passenger side window so Alvarez could see into the vehicle. Hudson did not comply. Alvarez opened the passenger door to observe and speak with Hudson.

Alvarez smelled the odor of an alcoholic beverage and marijuana inside the vehicle.[1] Hudson made eye contact with Alvarez, put the Mazda in drive, sped off, and nearly struck Alvarez with the open passenger side door as he pulled away. The deputies activated their lights and siren and pursued Hudson off the freeway and into the City of Gardena. Hudson ran red lights and drove into a residential neighborhood at a high rate of speed.

The Shooting

Hudson drove the Mazda down a dead-end street. When he could drive no further, Hudson made a three-point turn, hit a curb, and turned his car to face the deputies.

Alvarez exited the patrol car, drew his service weapon, and ordered Hudson to shut off the vehicle and place his hands outside the vehicle. Hudson did not comply and instead accelerated toward the deputies. Alvarez heard Hudson's engine revving and the tires squealing and saw the car coming at him.

Alvarez said he did not have an avenue of escape. If he ran, he would get run over. If he stayed where he was, he would get crushed between the Mazda and the patrol vehicle. He could not retreat because Hudson's vehicle was bearing down on him at high speed and at close range. Fearing for his life, he fired nine rounds at Hudson, striking Hudson and the Mazda. Castro did not fire because his own windshield and his partner were in his line of fire.

The Mazda swerved, struck the front end of the patrol vehicle, lost control, and crashed into a parked car.

Surveillance video from a residence showed Hudson speeding down the street with the deputies in pursuit, with lights and siren. The shooting occurred off camera but the deputies can be heard ordering Hudson to turn off the car, tires squealed, and Hudson is then seen speeding back down the street and crashing into a parked car, exiting his vehicle, and surrendering.

Hudson was treated for his injuries, found in possession of cocaine, and arrested for assaulting Deputy Alvarez and evading.[2]

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[1] An open bottle of tequila and a burned cigarette were later located in the vehicle. The cigarette was not tested for marijuana.

[2] Hudson was charged in case number YA102200 and pled no contest to assaulting a peace officer in violation of Penal Code section 245(c) and evading a peace officer in violation of Vehicle Code section 2800.2. He was sentenced to three years and eight months in state prison. Deputy Castro testified at the preliminary hearing in this matter. His testimony was consistent with the statement he gave detectives.

An aerial photo of the scene is detailed below:

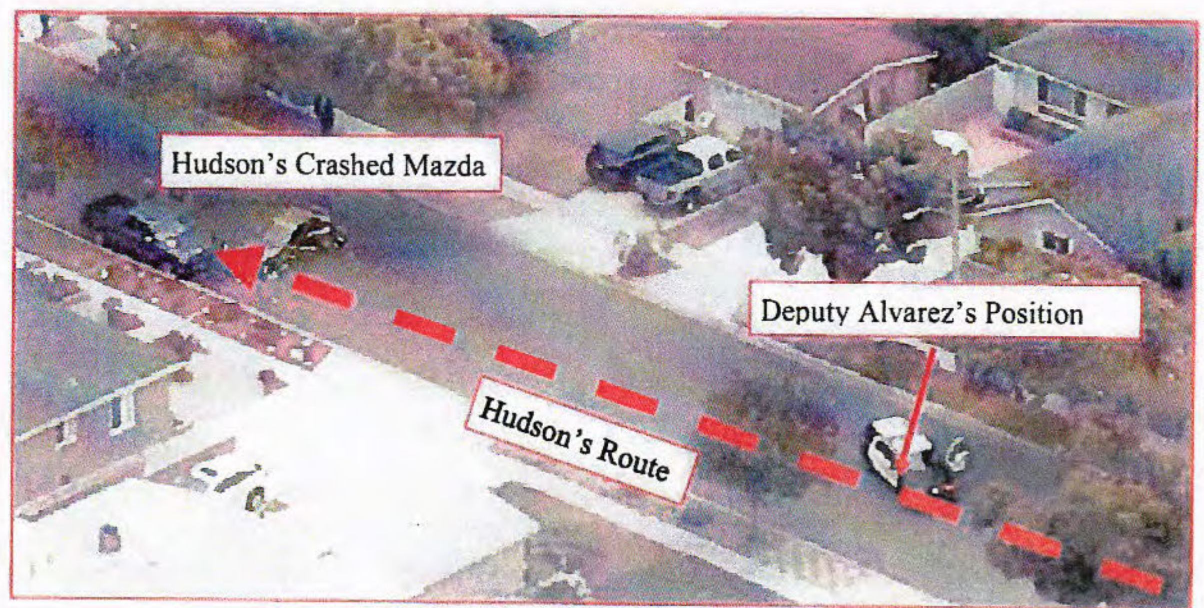


Figure 1- Aerial Photo of the Scene.

A street level view of the scene is shown below:



Figure 2- Photo of Hudson's Crashed Mazda and The Deputies' damaged Patrol Vehicle.

A photograph of the damage caused by Hudson's Mazda striking the patrol car is shown below with the damaged area circled in red:



Figure 3- Photo of Damage to the Right Front Bumper of the Patrol Vehicle.

A photo of Hudson's damaged right front bumper caused by the collision with the patrol car is shown below:



Figure 4- Photo of damage to the Right Front Bumper of Hudson's Mazda.

Erik Hudson's Statement

When Hudson was being treated for his injuries in the hospital, a deputy heard Hudson speaking with his [redacted]. Hudson told his [redacted] he was driving on the freeway and the police tried to pull

him over but he kept going. He kept driving away to evade the police until he hit a dead-end. He turned the car around and drove toward the deputies. He tried to drive around them and that is when he was shot. After he was shot he swerved.

Investigators interviewed Hudson at the hospital. Hudson waived his Miranda rights and admitted he had been in possession of cocaine. When asked if he tried to run over the deputies he replied, "No I didn't." Hudson then asked for a lawyer and the interview was terminated.

Injuries

Hudson was taken into custody and treated for a gunshot wound to the right forearm and injuries to his right ear and left thumb. The deputies were not injured. A toxicology analysis was performed and determined that Hudson had the presence of cocaine and marijuana in his bloodstream.

LEGAL ANALYSIS

The Law

California law permits the use of deadly force in self-defense or in the defense of others if the person claiming the right of self-defense or the defense of others actually and reasonably believed that he or others were in imminent danger of great bodily injury or death. Penal Code section 197; *People v. Randle* (2005) 35 Cal.4th 987, 994 (overruled on another ground in *People v. Chun* (2009) 45 Cal.4th 1172, 1201); *People v. Humphrey* (1996) 13 Cal.4th 1073, 1082; *see also,* CALCRIM No. 505.

A peace officer is justified in using deadly force upon another person when the officer reasonably believes, based on the totality of the circumstances, that such force is necessary for either of the following reasons: (1) to defend against an imminent threat of death or serious bodily injury to the officer or to another person; or (2) To apprehend a fleeing person for any felony that threatened or resulted in death or serious bodily injury, if the officer reasonably believes that the person will cause death or serious bodily injury to another unless immediately apprehended. Penal Code section 835a(c)(1)(A) and (B).

A threat of death or serious bodily injury is imminent when, based on the totality of the circumstances, a reasonable officer in the same situation would believe that a person has the present ability, opportunity, and apparent intent to immediately cause death or serious bodily injury to the peace officer or another person. An imminent harm is not merely a fear of future harm, no matter how great the fear and no matter how great the likelihood of the harm, but is on that, from appearances, must be instantly confronted and addressed. Penal Code section 835a(e)(2).

When considering the totality of the circumstances, all facts known to or perceived by the peace officer at the time, including the conduct of the officer and the subject leading up to the use of deadly force is taken into consideration. Penal Code section 835a(a)(4) and (e)(3). The peace officer's decision to use force is not evaluated with the benefit of hindsight and shall account for occasions when officers may be forced to make quick judgments about using force. Penal Code section 835a(a)(4).

In evaluating whether a police officer's use of deadly force was reasonable in a specific situation, it is helpful to draw guidance from the objective standard of reasonableness adopted in civil actions alleging Fourth Amendment violations. "The 'reasonableness' of a particular use of force must be judged from the perspective of a reasonable officer on the scene, rather than with the 20/20 vision of hindsight... The calculus of reasonableness must embody allowance for the fact that police officers are often forced to make split-second judgments—in circumstances that are tense, uncertain, and rapidly evolving—about the amount of force that is necessary in a particular situation." *Graham v. Connor* (1989) 490 U.S. 386, 396-397.

Analysis

There is compelling evidence in this case that Hudson was driving recklessly, with the presence of cocaine and marijuana in his bloodstream, was in possession of cocaine, and was highly motivated to escape from the pursuing deputies. When Alvarez and Castro attempted to stop Hudson, Hudson revved his engine, squealed his tires, and drove at a high rate of speed directly at Deputy Alvarez. Hudson nearly struck Alvarez and hit the front bumper of the patrol car near where Alvarez was standing. As Alvarez explained to investigators, he had no reasonable avenue of escape. He believed he was either going to be crushed or run over if he did not use deadly force. After a review of the totality of the evidence in this incident, Alvarez's choice to use deadly force was reasonable under the circumstances.

CONCLUSION

We find that Deputy Alvarez acted lawfully in self-defense and in defense of others when he used deadly force against Erik Hudson.